The necessity of supplying good drinking water in the littoral tracts has been felt for the last many years. Last year Government made an attempt to relieve the distress caused owing to the want of good drinking water by supplying Alwaye water to the southern most part of Vypeen. There was incessant public demand that similar arrangements should be made for supply of water to all the coastal places from Vypeen to Pallipuram. Orders have therefore been issued for the supply of Alwaye water, where scarcity of water is acute, to Vypeen, Vallarpadam, Panambukad, Ochanthuruth, Karthedam, Bolghatty and Mulavukad by means of L. C. T. The total cost of the supply of Alwaye water to the above places is estimated at Rs. 46,000. There is a balance of Rs. 7,896 in B. I. 460/22. There is no provision in the budget to meet the excess expenditure. An additional allotment of Rs. 38,104 is therefore necessary under the above head.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* On a point of information may I know whether there is any proposal by Government to put sub merged pipe lines to these areas ?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I think there is an idea of putting submerged pipe lines to these areas.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* How long it will take?

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):* It will take some more time. The submerged pipe line will be laid down very soon.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* Therefore it would be advisable to expedite that matter because this recurring expenditure can be avoided.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Public Works):* That is being expedited.

Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* On a point of information may I know the quantity of fuel that is required for running these L. C. Ts?

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* L. C. Ts. are run by diesel oil. Only a very little quantity of petrol is required.

CUT MOTION

(1) Grave situation caused by the running of L. C. Ts. with the existing quota of petrol and other fuels

Mr. S. P. Luiz *(Nominated):* I move to reduce the allotment of Rs. 38,104 under 4-B-Contribution to Village Panchayats, by Re. 1 to impress upon the Government the grave situation that would be created to the motorists, and transport agencies by the running of L. C. Ts. with the existing quota of petrol and other fuels.

It is not my desire to deprive the people of these areas by introducing this cut motion of good drinking water. But however I am glad that an opportunity has been brought forward in this House to express the feelings and difficulties experienced by motorists and transport agencies particularly during the last two months, has been something that has been warranted much criticism from all quarters. People were given a megre allotment of 30 gallons of supplementary coupons were practically refused even a gallon of petrol last month. We understand that here an enquiry is going to be made and something is going to be done. On the fact of the fact it was really a surprise to me to see that the L. C. Ts. are going to be run for the transport of water. I really took it to be and I understand that it is purely run on petrol, and some type of L. C. Ts. are run by diesel oil. However a large amount of petrol is still really necessary and I am also given to understand reliably that there has been definitely no increase in the allotment of petrol for the State. Under the existing conditions and facts that this policy is most inconvenient on the face of the fact and the information just supplied by the Hon'ble Minister that these L. C. Ts. can be run on deisel oil and not a large amount of petrol is necessary, I humbly request the leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I feel it my duty to enter the debate at this juncture for the simple reason that the discussion is on a very wider subject. These L.C.Ts. have become a nuisance to the State, nuisence in the sense that the L.C.Ts. which were functioning in the State for war purposes with war quota of petrol for that had now after the war is over some of them have been purchased by Government, yet others by private agencies.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education):* What is this L. C. T.?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The question may well be put to the Hon'ble Mover. I am sorry the responsible Minister for Food and Education has asked this question as a non-official like myself as to what exactly is an L. C. T. I know for the fact that the questioner knows it, as much as anybody else.

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What was used as war transport and machinery under warallotmen of petrol previously naturally given that has now been purchased some by the Government of Cochin yet by others by other agencies and they get I understand if my information is correct a huge supply or quota or rather ration of petrol. I understand, Sir, that this curious transport machinery that this L.C.T. is, consumes an unduly large quantity of petrol. I believe, it is for one mile one gallon no tinge of exaggeration. The result of this L. C. T. ration of petrol is very large quantities granted for the reason that a portion of it is run by the Government, granted for the reason that the others belong to persons of high stature who have influence in quarters where petrol exists not in Persia please. And the result is that civilian wants of petrol are ignored. I know, Sir, personally a case of 50 gallons of petrol asked for on a supplementary coupon for a certain C. S. car where.....

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: 60 gallons supplementary coupons for a car!

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Yes. You search and you will find that more than that has been taken by individuals or associations.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: That may be not for ordinary use, it may be for extraordinary use.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Did I say for ordinary use? Supplementary ration does not mean for ordinary use. No. For the very purpose for which my honourable questioner and interrupter knows that large quantities of supplementary ration had been allowed for a particular purpose, for the very purpose, not by that authority or that association but by another where 60 was requested, reasons were shown 8 alone was given.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: It sounds like a mistic poem.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: You are always mistic. Even when you said "my Government" you were mystic. So this is the result of these L. C. Ts. functioning here with such a large consumption of petrol is that civilian needs for ordinary purposes suffer when cars fitted with loud speakers and other things are having enough.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Katur)*: A most legitimate purpose.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Certainly. Who ever objected. Otherwise how would people flock to those meetings. Therefore, the situation arising out of these L.C.Ts. partly by Government and partly by high-placed individuals and associations tells very very adversely upon civilian needs. The Hon'ble Ministers cannot understand. The Government servants cannot understand. But poor non-officialls like me who unfortunately happened to be feeling the necessity for using a car occasionally though with borrowed money find the difficulty and it is that difficulty that is now ventilated before the Government. If the Government have ears to hear, if they have a heart to feel, if they have a sense of proper-tion in things, if they are what they pretent to be, pretent to be I say responsible Ministers of the Government of Cochin should respond to this Legislature, respond to my tax-payer and his tax-payer and every tax-payer.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur)*: Not pretention, fact also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: I am glad to hear it. Assert but don't stop short with assertions, see that assertions are implemented by prompt action.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Minister for Food and Education)*: Did you say no sense of proportion?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Peculiary mystic ears. Your mysticism must be responsible for catching such things. I am on this seriotus question of shortage of petrol for civilian use as a result of this L.C.T. functioning. I have known clearly that L.C.Ts. wtheher run by Government or private companies require petrol. These L.C.Ts. used to get special quota of petrol. If the Government is able to get special quotas for L.C.Ts. let L.C.Ts. work. Otherwise must stop, let L.C.Ts. not be given petrol to the detriment of the civilian population. I am glad my honourable friend has given me an opportunity and by the charity of the house I have been able to express my views, whether liked by them or not and that is all what we are here for.

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മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. ഡീവർ: സ്റ്റോറിൽ എത്ര L.C.T. ഉണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ കൈവശം ൻ എണ്ണമുണ്ട്. പ്രൈവറായി എത്ര എണ്ണമുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാൻ നോട്ടീസ്സു വേണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. ഡീവർ: അതിനു എത്ര പെട്രോൾ കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്റെ വകയായ L.C.T.ക്കു പെട്രോൾ ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: L.C.T. എന്നു വെച്ചാൽ എന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ഇത്രയെല്ലാം ഇവിടെ പറഞ്ഞശേഷം ചോദിക്കുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഇനി അതു പറഞ്ഞു മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ പ്രയാസമാണ്.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irrinjalakkuda):* The Hon'ble Minister Mr. Govinda Menon does not know and put a question. If you know please answer.

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: വേറെ വല്ലവരും പറഞ്ഞതിനു ഉടനെ മറുപടി കൊടുക്കാൻ സാധിക്കാതെ പോയതിനു പരിഹാരമായി പിന്നീടൊരാളുടെ പിടലിക്കു കയറുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are the Government aware that the ration of petrol given to these private L.C.Ts. is sold in the black market at Rs. 23 a tin?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: പ്രൈവറ് L.C.T. ക്കു പെട്രോൾ റേഷൻ കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗവൺമെണ്ടന്വേഷിക്കാം. L.C.T. ക്കു പെട്രോൾ കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതു് സിവിലിയൻസിനു ഉപദ്രവം വരാത്ത വിധത്തിൽ കൊടുക്കത്തക്കവണ്ണം ഏർപ്പാടു ചെയ്യാം. L.C.T. ക്കു പെട്രോൾ കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നുള്ളതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കാൻ സമയം കിട്ടിയില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടാണു് ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ സാധിക്കാത്തതു്. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിച്ചു വേണ്ടതുപോലെ പ്രവർത്തിക്കാം.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Are we to take it, that all these 9 L.C.Ts. run on diesel oil?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: അമ്പതു് എണ്ണവും ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നില്ല.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government take the information from me that only four are run on diesel oil and five on petrol?

Mr. S. P. Louis *(Nominated):* On the face of the information that the Hon'ble Minister has furnished I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Motion, by leave, withdrawn

Deputy President: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 38,104 be granted under "4—B—Contrribution to Village Panchayats".

(Demand put and carried)

(iii) 9-Excise—Miscellaneous

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I rise to move for an additional allotment for Rs. 2,000 under "9 Excise—Miscellaneous"

A Committee has been constituted to advise the Government on matters connected with the proposed introduction of prohibition in the State. It is estimated that an amount Rs. 2,000 will be required to cover the sitting fee and Travelling allowance of the Prohibition Committee Members and pay, etc., of the temporary staff sanctioned for this purpose. There is not provision in the Budget to meet this item of expenditure. I request theamount may be sanctioned.

Depuy Preisdent: The motion before the House is that the Government may be granted a sum of Rs. 2,000 under 9-Excise Miscellaneous.

Demand put and carried

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